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Pronunciation Key (trafik)

- a. The passage of people or vehicles along routes of transportation.
- b. Vehicles or pedestrians in transit: heavy traffic on the turnpike; stopped oncoming traffic to let the children cross.
- a. The commercial exchange of goods; trade.
 - b. Illegal or improper commercial activity: drug traffic on city streets.

3.

2.

- a. The business of moving passengers and cargo through a transportation system. See Synonyms at business.
- b. The amount of cargo or number of passengers conveyed.

4.

- a. The conveyance of messages or data through a system of communication: routers that manage Internet traffic.
- b. Messages or data conveyed through such a system: a tremendous amount of telephone traffic on Mother's Day; couldn't download the file due to heavy Internet traffic.
- 5. Social or verbal exchange; communication: refused further traffic with the estranged friend.

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intr.v. traf-ficked, traf-fick-ing, traf-fics

To carry on trade or other dealings: trafficked in liquidation merchandise; traffic with gangsters.

[French trafic, from Old French trafique, from Old Italian traffico, from trafficare, to trade, perhaps from Catalan trafegar, to decant, from Vulgar Latin *transfaecare: trans-, trans-+ faex, faec-, dregs; see feces.]

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Main Entry: traf-fic Function: noun

often attrib 1 a: import and export trade b: the business of bartering or buying and selling c: illegal or disreputable usually commercial activity <the drug traffic>
2 a: the movement (as of vehicles or pedestrians) through an area or along a route b: the vehicles, pedestrians, ships, or planes moving along a route c: the information or signals transmitted over a communications system
3 a: the passengers or cargo carried by a transportation system b: the business of transporting passengers or freight

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Main Entry: traffic Function: verb

Inflected Forms: traf-ficked; traf-fick-ing

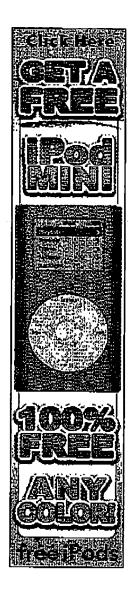
intransitive verb: to carry on traffic transitive verb 1: to

travel over

2: to engage in the trading or bartering of —traf-fick-er

noun

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\Traf'fic\, n. [Cf. F. trafic, It. traffico, Sp. tr[a]fico, tr[a]fago, Pg. tr[a]fego, LL. traficum, trafica. See <u>Traffic</u>, v.] 1. Commerce, either by barter or by buying and selling; interchange of goods and commodities; trade.

A merchant of great traffic through the world. -Shak.

The traffic in honors, places, and pardons. - Macaulay.

Note: This word, like trade, comprehends every species of dealing in the exchange or passing of goods or merchandise from hand to hand for an equivalent, unless the business of relating may be excepted. It signifies appropriately foreign trade, but is not limited to that.

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\Trafficking.] [F. trafiquer; cf. It. trafficare, Sp. traficar, trafagar, Pg. traficar, trafegar, trafeguer, LL. traficare; of uncertain origin, perhaps fr. L. trans across, over + -ficare to make (see -fy, and cf. G. ["u]bermachen to transmit, send over, e. g., money, wares); or cf. Pg. trasfegar to pour out from one vessel into another, OPg. also, to traffic, perhaps fr. (assumed) LL. vicare to exchange, from L. vicis change (cf. Vicar).] 1. To pass goods and commodities from one person to another for an equivalent in goods or money; to buy or sell goods; to barter; to trade.

2. To trade meanly or mercenarily; to bargain.

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n 1: the aggregation of things (pedestrians or vehicles) coming and going in a particular locality during a specified period of time 2: buying and selling; especially illicit trade 3: the amount of activity over a communication system during a given period of time; "heavy traffic overloaded the trunk lines"; "traffic on the internet is lightest during the night" 4: social or verbal interchange (usually followed by `with') [syn: dealings] v 1: deal illegally; "traffic drugs" 2: trade or deal a commodity; "They trafficked with us for gold"

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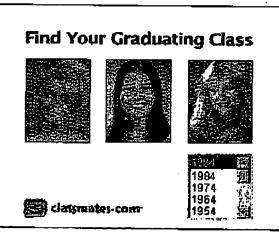
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